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RHODESIA: Smith Rejects British Proposals

25X1 [] Rhodesian Prime Minister Smith's rejection of Britain's latest settlement proposals will cause all the parties in the Rhodesian dispute to put greater emphasis on the military struggle. Smith, in a speech last night, reiterated that Rhodesia is committed to the settlement terms he announced last September. He said implementation of the new British plan would lead to immediate control of the country by a "Marxist-indoctrinated minority."

25X1 [] British envoy Ivor Richard told the press that he sees no purpose in reconvening the Geneva conference unless Smith changes his position. //If the British in fact end their peace initiative, the Rhodesian nationalists and the front-line African presidents are likely to intensify the military effort against the Smith government.//

25X1 [] Smith has not ruled out further talks in Geneva if these are based on the settlement terms announced in September. In his speech last night, however, he indicated he would seek a separate settlement with blacks he regards as moderates.

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[redacted] //Smith probably hopes to deal with the nationalist faction of Bishop Muzorewa, who denounced the front-line presidents' recent endorsement of the rival Patriotic Front. [redacted]

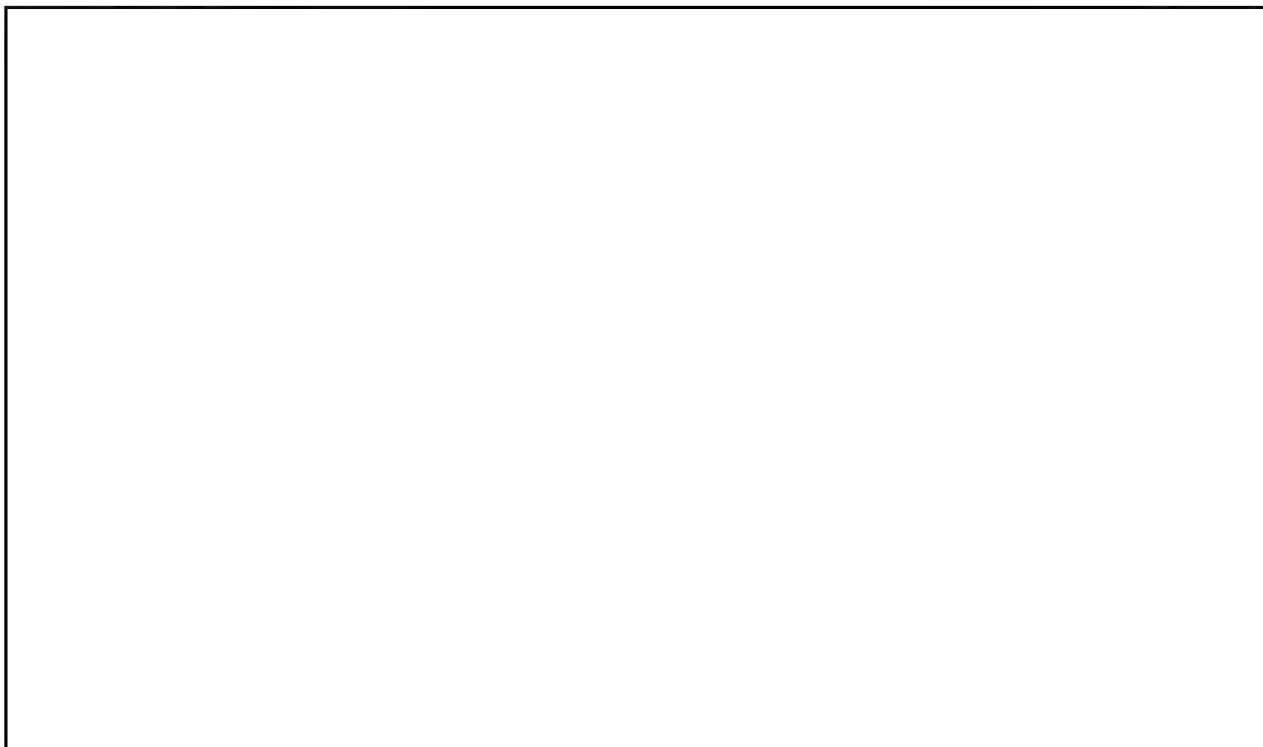
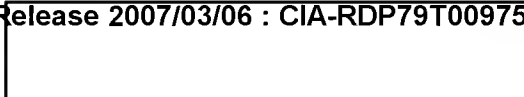
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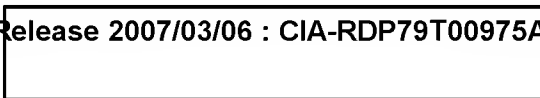
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JAPAN: New KCIA Scandal Possible

25X1 [] The Japanese government is increasingly concerned that recent allegations of payoffs to Japanese politicians by the South Korean Central Intelligence Agency could develop into a major new scandal, disrupting the Diet session likely to convene on January 31st and further damaging the Liberal Democratic Party.

25X1 [] Prime Minister Fukuda told the press last week that he was certain the charges were not true. Over the weekend, however, a government spokesman announced that a thorough official investigation would be carried out, and cooperation would be sought from both the US and South Korea. Fukuda evidently concluded that he had to act because of the widespread Japanese press coverage of the accusations, including charges made by a former US official of misdeeds by the South Korean intelligence service.



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[] The Japanese opposition apparently thinks Fukuda and his party may be vulnerable. A Communist Party member of the Diet is in Washington looking into the matter; the Socialists and possibly other parties plan to send additional Diet members to the US to gather information. It is clear that the government will face vigorous interpellations by the opposition when the new Diet convenes.

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[] Whether Fukuda can contain the threat appears to turn largely on how successful his opponents are in marshalling facts to support their charges. Several Japanese reporters have told the US embassy that there is little hard evidence available. Further revelations, however, could turn the affair into a new Lockheed scandal. []

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